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To the Chairman and Members of the

Berkshire Education Committee.

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the School Health Service for the year 1956.

The health of the school children of the County continues to maintain a high standard.

It was possible to appoint two full-time school dental officers during the year; although two part-time dentists left, the net gain was equal to more than one. An additional mobile dental unit was obtained, and at long last it was possible to provide a good school dental service for the Abingdon area. Even with the additions of staff referred to, the total number of dentists remains at below half our requirement.

The main deficiency continues to be that of places for educationally subnormal pupils. The position will, of course, be eased to some extent by the opening of the special day school at Abingdon, but it must not be overlooked that the gap will still remain a very large one. This year, for the first time for many years, the total number of ascertained educationally subnormal children waiting for a place in a special school did not rise; the number actually remained at 304. The total number waiting for a place in a special class again rose, from 377 to 469. Quite a lot has been done in recent years in developing special classes, but the figures given show that the problem in regard to both categories of children remains a very serious one. More special classes in ordinary schools are now the main need, although the gap is still wide under both heads. Special classes are no doubt much easier to set up, relatively, at a time when new buildings are so difficult to obtain.

I should like once again to thank the Committee for its continued help and interest, and the Director of Education and his staff for their ready co-operation. Finally, I should like to thank all the members of my own staff, who have continued to maintain a very high standard of conscientious work.

E. C. H. HUDDY,

Principal School Medical Officer.

November, 1957.

Staff of the School Health Service

1956.

Principal School Medical Officer:

E. C. H. HUDDY, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Senior School Medical Officer:

W. F. WAUDBY-SMITH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

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F. M. C. BREWER, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.
P. H. CIMA, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (commenced 1.3.56).
D. L. V. FRASER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.A.
E. M. HAMILTON, M.B.E., M.B., D.P.H. (part-time).
J. G. HARCOURT-NORRIS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
N. F. W. HOWORTH, M.B., B.S.
S. J. MACCLATCHEY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H. (part-time).
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N. C. PARFIT, B.M., B.Ch., D.P.H. (part-time).
E. H. C. STEWART, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S.

Principal School Dental Officer:

O. JACOB, L.D.S., R.C.S.

School Dental Officers:

MRS. G. M. BASFORD, L.D.S.
P. H. CRAMPTON, L.D.S. (commenced 8.10.56).
MISS E. M. CURRIE, L.D.S.
C. C. GRANT, L.D.S.
E. V. HICKS.
MISS H. M. JAKS, L.D.S. (part-time; resigned 18.5.56).
MRS. B. A. MAUDSLEY, B.D.S. (part-time, resigned 3.9.56).
D. M. N. SCOTT, L.D.S., R.C.S. (part-time).
MISS H. T. SMITH, L.D.S. (commenced 5.11.56).
H. TRELEAVEN, L.D.S. (part-time).

Four Private Practitioners employed on a sessional basis to an equivalent of a half-time School Dental Officer.

Speech Therapists:

MISS M. HOOKER, L.C.S.T.
MISS M. ST. ALPHONSE, L.C.S.T.

Psychiatrists (part-time):

L. C. F. CHEVENS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M. (resigned 29.8.56).
C. R. DONIGER, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.C.H., D.P.M. (commenced 17.10.56).
G. O'GORMAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.
M. E. E. WARD, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

Educational Psychologist (part-time):

MRS. M. F. SCOTT-BLAIR, M.A., A.B.P.S.

Clinical Psychologist (part-time):

MRS. A. SINGER, Ph.D., D.E.P.

Psychiatric Social Workers (part-time):

J. N. HOOKER, B.Sc.
MISS S. E. LYNN (resigned 31.12.56).
MISS M. D. WALSH

Orthoptist (part-time):

MRS. H. CAIGER-SMITH.

School Nurses:

MISS C. E. BISHOP, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (part-time).
MISS E. E. CARDEN, S.R.N., S.C.M. (resigned 31.3.56).
MISS A. CRUICKSHANK, S.R.N., T.B.Cert.
MRS. E. I. DOUGLAS-GILBERT, S.R.N.
MRS. H. M. FRENCH, S.R.N. (commenced 25.6.56).
MISS M. L. GILES, S.R.N. (commenced 22.5.56).
MISS J. HARDWICK, S.R.N., S.C.M., T.B.Cert. (commenced 23.7.56).
MRS. E. S. L. HENRY, S.R.N., H.V.Cert.
MRS. J. KEEN, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert (part-time; commenced 17.8.56).
MISS M. KELLY, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (resigned 31.7.56).
MISS A. MELLUISH, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (part-time).
MISS B. OWEN, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (part-time).
MRS. E. M. PINTON, S.R.N.
MISS W. RICHARDSON BROWN, S.R.N.
MRS. D. SMITH, S.R.N.
MISS K. M. STEPHENS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (part-time).
MISS E. J. STIBBS, S.R.N., S.C.M.
MISS K. M. TAYLOR, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (part-time).
MRS. O. M. TRELEASE, S.R.N. (commenced 9.1.56; Resigned 16.5.56).
MISS O. A. UNDERWOOD, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (part-time).
MISS H. E. VICKERS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (part-time).

Together with District Nurses to an aggregate of 2 whole-time School Nurses.

School Dental Attendants:

MISS A. ADEY.	MISS G. A. McNICOL.
MISS P. ELTON.	MISS E. M. NORMAN.
MRS. J. M. GRIMMETT.	MISS K. WALTERS.
MISS E. B. HIGLEY (part-time).	

Nursing Assistant:

MISS K. E. WHALE.

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School Health Service

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1956.

AREA, POPULATION AND SCHOOLS.

<i>Area</i> (administrative county)	...	...	...	...	454,725 acres.
<i>Population</i> (Registrar-General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	337,000
<i>Schools:</i>					

<i>Type of school.</i>	<i>Number of schools.</i>	<i>Number of children in attendance.</i>
Nursery Schools	13	483
Primary Schools (including All-Age Schools)	238	32,766
Secondary Grammar Schools	12	4,340
Secondary Modern Schools	20	8,581
Totals	283	46,170

Special Schools:

Cold Ash Children's Hospital, near Newbury.

Donnington Lodge Special School for the Deaf, near Newbury.

Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot.

Holyport Manor, near Maidenhead.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Periodic Medical Inspection is carried out (a) as soon as possible after first admission to a maintained school; (b) as soon as possible after attaining the age of eight years; (c) in the last year at a primary school; and (d) at secondary schools, as soon as possible after attaining the age of fourteen years and annually thereafter unless an equivalent inspection is provided during the pupil's last year.

Special Medical Inspection is carried out in respect of: (a) children referred on account of suspected defect by Head Teachers, parents, Education Welfare Officers, Health Visitors, District Nurses, etc.; (b) children within the various groups of Handicapped Pupils. In addition, re-inspection is provided for many children found to be suffering from defects and in need of follow-up, as the result of a previous medical inspection. Absentees from medical inspection are given new appointments at the next opportunity at the particular school.

HYGIENIC CONDITIONS IN SCHOOLS.

The School Medical Officers report on the hygienic conditions in each school once a year at the time of medical inspection. Details are submitted to the Director of Education for action when this is considered to be necessary.

MILK IN SCHOOLS.

Free milk is supplied to all children in attendance at school. An average of 34,848 children were supplied daily during the year, an increase of over 700 in comparison with the previous year.

All schools receive either Tuberculin Tested or Pasteurised milk.

SCHOOL MEALS.

The number of meals supplied for payment averaged 23,928 during the year (compared with 21,940 last year), and a further 673 were supplied free.

The number of meals supplied in 1952 was 19,232. A marked fall in this figure in 1953 was attributed to the increase in the charge in March of that year. The proportion of children taking meals returned to the 1952 level in 1955, and the figure is being maintained.

PHYSICAL TRAINING IN SCHOOLS.

Special attention is given by the medical staff to children who require suspension or reduction of physical activities on health grounds. Information on such cases is derived chiefly from hospitals or medical practitioners, and all cases are periodically reviewed.

EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Applications were received in respect of 571 children for the issue of Employment Certificates during the year, compared with 698 in the previous year. A medical examination was made in each case, and one child was found to be medically unfit for employment. One Certificate was later rescinded on the ground that employment out of school hours was found to be detrimental

to the health of the child. The following list shows the number of children employed during 1956, and the various types of employment:—

Newspaper delivery	...	...	...	...	...	322
Shop Assistant	...	...	...	...	...	93
“Errands”	...	...	...	...	...	73
Other delivery work	...	...	...	...	...	25
Horticultural and Agricultural Work (light)	...	...	...	...	...	22
Domestic work	...	...	...	...	...	13
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	22

Special attention is paid at last medical inspection to those children who should not be engaged, on leaving school, in certain types of employment or under certain working conditions. Where necessary the prescribed certificates are issued, and the unsuitable employments or working conditions are specified; 44 such certificates were given during the year.

FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TREATMENT.

PHYSICAL CONDITION.

The School Medical Officers assess the physical condition and nutritional state of all children examined in the periodic age groups. The results are shown in Table 1D on page 15. There is no statistically significant difference between these results in the different age groups shown, and the figures can be regarded as very satisfactory. This year the categories for this purpose have again been changed. The former categories were three: A (good), B (fair), and C (poor). The percentages in the last category in 1953 and 1954 were respectively 4.2 and 3.4. As will be seen from the Table, in 1956 we find 2.7 per cent. to be unsatisfactory. Now that the basis of classification has been again changed, it will be necessary to wait for a year or two before a new comparison between years can be made. However, unsatisfactory general condition is now a marginal question, and it is becoming less easy to demonstrate significant changes.

CHILDREN REQUIRING TREATMENT.

A total of 1,369 individual children were found to be suffering from 1,458 defects considered to require treatment, a percentage of 8.9 of all children examined at periodic medical inspection. The corresponding figure for the previous year was 9.5.

SKIN DISEASE AND MINOR AILMENTS.

A total of 3,119 attendances were made at the Minor Ailments Clinics in Maidenhead, Windsor, and Didcot. Other children are able to obtain treatment from either School or District Nurses, at the out-patient departments of hospitals, or from general medical practitioners. The School Nurses treated 1,337 cases of minor ailments during the year compared with 1,362 in 1955. Following the introduction of the National Health Service Act in 1948 this figure showed a fall, which has been attributed to the introduction of free general practitioner and hospital treatment. More recently the figure rose again, and now shows a tendency to become stabilised.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>
Impetigo ...	121	74	78	108	95
Scabies	7	4	4	2	5

It was not found necessary during 1956 to provide X-ray treatment for any cases of ringworm.

UNCLEANLINESS.

A total of 106,494 routine examinations were made in the schools by the School Nurses during the year. Of this number, 748 children were found to be in a verminous condition; of these 68 were excluded from school for periods of varying length. Re-examinations were made in 7,907 instances, and 399 children were found still to be in a verminous condition; of these, 33 were re-excluded. In the work of the School Nurse special emphasis is laid on the treatment of the whole family in this condition; to deal with the individual school child alone is generally a waste of time. The percentage of children found to be verminous in 1956 remains at 0.7 per cent.

The School Nurses made a total of 3,556 *home visits* during the year, in connection with both Verminous Conditions and Minor Ailments combined.

EYES (DEFECTIVE VISION, SQUINT, AND EXTERNAL EYE DISEASES).

Children found at periodic medical inspection to be suffering from defective vision, squint, or external eye disease are referred to ophthalmic surgeons. Eye clinics were held on 245 occasions at 13 centres.

The following table summarises the work carried out at eye clinics during the year, and gives the corresponding figures for the previous year:—

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Number of children examined or re-examined ...	3,450	3,433
Number recommended to obtain spectacles ...	1,069	1,163
Number recommended treatment other than by spectacles	35	39

Since spectacles can now be obtained through private opticians under the National Health Service Act, it is no longer possible to give the number actually supplied.

The Regional Hospital Boards continued to provide the medical staff at special eye clinics for school children, and the education authority all other provision. These arrangements continue to be of great benefit to school children, who are able to receive prompt attention without having to travel

the long distances that are often entailed if they can go only to major hospital centres.

Cases of squint are treated by Orthoptists at special clinics, and these are held at five centres, as follows:—

Eye Hospital, Oxford.

Greenham House, Newbury.

The Hospital, Maidenhead.

Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor.

Operative treatment for squint is provided at hospitals in Oxford or Reading. During 1956, 174 cases of squint were referred for operation or orthoptic exercises.

Two new cases were admitted to Special Schools for the Blind during the year; 18 children were receiving education at such schools during 1956 and there were 3 discharges.

There were 6 new admissions to Special Schools for the Partially Blind during the year; these made a total of 15 children undergoing education at such schools during the year. There were no discharges during the year.

EAR DISEASE.

The School Nurses visit all cases of ear disease when it is known that no doctor is in attendance, and parents are urged to seek the necessary treatment. In the majority of instances treatment was obtained, either from general medical practitioners or at general hospitals.

In all, 46 cases of otitis media who were considered to need treatment were found during the year.

Three new cases were admitted to Special Schools for the deaf during the year; these, with 40 undergoing such education on 1st January, 1956 made a total of 43 children in such schools during the year. By the end of the year 8 of these had been discharged. Of the total cases, 14 were in the Authority's own Special School at Donnington Lodge, near Newbury.

One new case was admitted to a Special School for the Partially Deaf; 9 children were already in on 1st January, 1956, and 1 case was discharged during the year.

NOSE AND THROAT CONDITIONS.

Cases of enlarged tonsils and adenoids considered to require operative treatment are referred to the ear, nose and throat specialists at general hospitals. The number of cases referred in this way during the year was 62, compared with 95 in the previous year, and 123 in 1954. Before referring a

case to hospital, attention is paid to the possibility of benefit from dental or dietetic measures, and the advisability of a period of observation is considered in all cases.

SPEECH.

Children found at periodic medical inspection to be suffering from a speech defect requiring treatment are referred to the full-time Speech Therapists or to the Therapist at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; a few cases are treated at the King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor. A list of clinics will be found on page 25.

A total of 294 children made 3,492 attendances at the clinics during the year. There were 99 new cases, and 84 children were recalled for observation. In the previous year, 240 children made a total of 3,484 attendances and there were 113 new cases.

The following list gives the diagnosis of new cases:—

Articulatory Defects	...	...	...	...	67
Stammer	...	...	...	...	30
Cleft Palate Speech	...	...	...	...	2

By the end of the year 72 cases had been discharged for the following reasons:—

Cured	...	...	...	...	...	58
Left school	...	...	...	...	...	6
Left county	...	...	...	...	...	5
Refused further treatment	...	...	...	...	...	3

A total of 219 cases were still undergoing treatment at the end of the year, while a further 59 cases were on the waiting list for examination by the Speech Therapist.

There were no new admissions to Special Schools for Children with Speech Defects, and 2 cases were undergoing education in such schools during the year. One case was discharged during the year.

DENTAL DEFECTS.

A Special Report by the Principal School Dental Officer will be found on page 12, and the statistical table appears on page 20.

HANDICAPPED PUPILS.

All children coming within the various groups of Handicapped Pupils were examined at the periodic medical inspections, together with new cases considered likely to require treatment.

SPASTIC PARALYSIS.

The Authority's Spastic Unit was continued at Markham House in Wokingham with the same specially qualified teacher in charge. Arrangements for regular visits by a physiotherapist from one of the Reading hospitals, and by a Speech Therapist, were maintained.

Many milder cases of spastic paralysis attend ordinary schools, and these children are specially examined at school medical inspection.

One child was in a Special School for Spastics at the commencement of 1956, and there were no admissions or discharges during the year.

DISEASES OF THE HEART.

All children suffering from heart trouble which did not prevent their attendance at school were supervised by the School Medical Officers. Those who were unable to attend school were visited in their homes. The number of children with a heart condition considered to require treatment during 1956 was 17.

There were no children in Heart Homes during the year.

The number of cases of acute rheumatism continues to remain very low. The Special Unit for Research into Acute Rheumatism at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, continued its work, and a number of Berkshire children were admitted during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were 18 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis in school children notified during 1956. A further 6 new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 16 and 17 respectively. The maintenance of the figure for pulmonary cases is probably due to a tendency for Chest Physicians to find more cases of primary infection in children, and this is a condition that has a very high recovery rate in children of school age.

ORTHOPAEDIC DEFECTS.

Treatment is carried out by the staff of the Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, Oxford.

Clinics are held at the following centres:—

Abingdon, Warren Hospital.
 Henley, Southfield Hall.
 Maidenhead, The Hospital.
 Newbury, Greenham House.
 Oxford, Radcliffe Infirmary.

Reading, Royal Berkshire Hospital.
 Wallingford, Memorial Hospital.
 Wantage, Cottage Hospital.
 Windsor, King Edward VII Hospital.
 Wokingham, Memorial Clinic.

A total of 240 children were referred for treatment at these clinics during the year. In-patient treatment is provided at the Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital.

Five children were admitted to Special Schools during the year and these, with 20 cases already in on 1st January, 1956, made a total of 25 children receiving special treatment and education during the year. Seven cases were discharged before the end of the year.

Statistical details will be found in Table 3 on page 16.

EPILEPSY.

Children suffering from epilepsy whose condition does not prevent them from attending school are examined each year as "Specials" at periodic medical inspection. Those who are unable to attend school are supervised in their homes.

During the year, 57 children suffering from epilepsy were examined. Four children were in Special Schools for Epileptics at the commencement of the year, and there were no new admissions. One case was discharged during the year.

EDUCATIONALLY SUB-NORMAL CHILDREN.

Special reference is made to this category of children in the introduction to this Report.

School Medical Officers holding the necessary special qualification completed 425 intelligence tests on school children during the year, compared with 361 in the previous year.

There were 773 children awaiting special educational treatment at the end of the year. Of these, 304 were awaiting vacancies in special schools and the remaining 469 required education in a special class in an ordinary school. The figures for 1955 were 304 and 377 respectively.

MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

During 1956 a total of 93 children were considered, after testing, to be so mentally sub-normal as to make it necessary to report them to the Local Health Authority under Section 57 of the Education Act, 1944. The numbers of children reported to the Local Health Authority in each of the last three

years previous to 1956 were respectively 56, 62 and 78. As far as possible a final decision to report a child as ineducable is deferred until the child is seven, and exceptions are only made to this rule in the worst cases.

MALADJUSTED PUPILS.

The Berkshire Child Guidance Clinics have been provided by a Joint Committee of the Berkshire County and Reading Borough Education Committees, with Headquarters at 27, Kidmore Road, Caversham, Reading, and a branch at 3, Clare Road, Maidenhead. Clinics are held at the following centres:—

Abingdon: Summerfield Hostel.
Caversham: 27, Kidmore Road.
Maidenhead: 3, Clare Road.
Newbury: Greenham House.

Five hostels are provided at:—

“Summerfield,” Abingdon.
2, St. Peter’s Hill, Caversham.
Greenfield House, Maidenhead.
Mockbeggar Hostel, Reading.
Field House, Wokingham.

Detailed statistics of the work carried out during 1956 will be found in Table 8 on page 24.

Twenty-seven children were already in Homes for Maladjusted Children at the start of the year, and a further 11 cases were admitted during 1956. Eleven cases were discharged during the year.

At the beginning of 1955 the Committee gave special consideration to the Child Guidance Service, with special reference to: (a) the need to strengthen the staff in regard to educational psychologists, and (b) whether it would not be better for Berkshire to have its own service, organised separately from that of Reading. Eventually it was decided to postpone any final decisions until the expected Report of the Ministry of Education’s Committee on Maladjusted Children was available. The Underwood Report appeared in December, 1955, and the Underwood Committee recommended that Child Guidance Services should in general be very like the service that has been provided in Berkshire for a number of years. Berkshire made a contribution of its own to this Report, for the Underwood Committee had carried out a survey in the County, principally in order to estimate the incidence of maladjustment in a selection of areas of different types. The findings are given in some details in an appendix to the Report.

In January, 1956, the Education Committee appointed a special section to consider the Child Guidance Service, in the light of the Underwood Report.

Later, Reading expressed their desire to secede from the joint arrangement; this was agreed by the County Education Committee, and was subsequently approved by the Ministry of Education.

NURSERY SCHOOLS.

These schools are periodically visited by the School Medical Officers, and the children in attendance are medically examined. The School Nurses assist at these inspections and, in addition, visit each school once a month in order to make a general examination of each child. The total number examined by the School Medical Officers was 412 including "Specials."

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS.

Special arrangements were made for medical inspection to be carried out at: (i) Roysse's School, Abingdon; (ii) Holyport Manor School; (iii) Donnington Lodge Special School for the Deaf; (iv) Easthampstead Park Training College for Teachers; (v) St. Gabriel's Convent School, Cold Ash; and (vi) Sandleford Priory Convent School, Newbury.

ANNUAL REPORT
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REGARDING
DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT
FOR THE YEAR
1956.

During the year there have been several changes of staff, but I am glad to say that the final result has been to give us an increase equivalent to 1.2 in terms of whole time dental officers. We were sorry to lose the services of Mrs. Maudsley and Miss Jaks, both part time dental officers, and Mr. Scott, a part time dental officer reduced his weekly sessions from five to three owing to the increasing amount of work in his private practice.

We are very glad to welcome Miss Smith and Mr. Crampton who have both come as full time dental officers. I have said before that with the increasing average age of the dental staff, illness is causing an ever increasing loss of working time, and this past year has been no exception.

A new mobile dental unit has recently been obtained and this has been stationed in the Abingdon area and used by Mr. Crampton. It is an up-to-date unit and greatly facilitates the work in that area. The unit is taken to the schools in most instances, and as a result the number of broken appointments is very much less than where children are called to a clinic. The children are only out of school while actually receiving their treatment, and this is much appreciated by the head teachers.

It is hoped to be able to proceed with the plans for a fixed clinic at Wokingham in the financial year 1957-58. This would have been put into operation during the year had it not been for the economic crisis which caused postponement.

The outlook for obtaining staff appears to be poor in spite of the salary awards granted during the current year. There just are not enough dental surgeons qualifying at the present time to meet the demand of private practice, hospitals and school dentistry.

I should like to express my appreciation of the work of the dental staff, the office staff and also the teaching staffs where co-operation is so necessary for the smooth running of the dental service.

(Signed) O. JACOB,
Principal School Dental Officer.

STATISTICAL TABLES

N.B.—Tables 1 to 5 are as prescribed by the Minister of Education.

All figures and percentages in these tables refer, unless otherwise stated, to the calendar year, i.e. 1st January to 31st December, 1956.

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TABLE 1.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

A. PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS :—

Number of Inspections in the Prescribed Groups :—

Entrants	...	...	...	...	...	5,292
Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	3,256
Third Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	1,859
Total	...	...	...	...	...	10,407
Additional Periodic Inspections				...	...	4,888
Grand Total	...	...	...	...	...	15,295

B. OTHER INSPECTIONS :—

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	6,658
Number of Re-inspections...	...	...	...	...	4,195
Total	...	...	...	...	10,853

C. PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL PUPILS FOUND AT PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS TO REQUIRE
TREATMENT (EXCLUDING DENTAL DISEASES AND INFESTATION WITH VERMIN).

Group.	Defective Vision (excluding Squint).	Any other Conditions recorded in Table 3A.	Total Number of Individual Children with Defects.
Entrants	122	398	504
Second Age Group ...	155	158	308
Third Age Group...	64	79	142
Totals	341	635	954
Additional Periodic Inspections	190	231	415
GRAND TOTALS ...	531	866	1,369

TABLE 1—*continued.*

D. CLASSIFICATION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED.

Age Groups.	Number of Pupils inspected.	Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
		Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
Entrants	5,292	5,146	97·2	146	2·8
Second Age Group ...	3,256	3,167	97·3	89	2·7
Third Age Group ...	1,859	1,810	97·4	49	2·6
Additional Periodic Inspections	4,888	4,764	97·5	124	2·5
TOTALS	15,295	14,887	97·3	408	2·7

TABLE 2.

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN.

i. Total Number of Examinations in the Schools by the School Nurses or other Authorised Persons	114,401
ii. Total Number of Individual Pupils found to be infested	748
iii. Number of Individual Pupils in respect of whom Cleansing Notices were issued (Section 54 (2), Education Act, 1944)	—
iv. Number of Individual Pupils in respect of whom Cleansing Notices were issued (Section 54 (3), Education Act, 1944)	—

TABLE 3.

A. RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Defect or Disease.	Periodic Inspections.				Total (including all other Age Groups Inspected.	
	Entrants.		Leavers.		Requiring Treat- ment.	Requiring Observa- tion.
	Requiring Treat- ment.	Requiring Observa- tion.	Requiring Treat- ment.	Requiring Observa- tion.		
Skin	17	37	19	17	82	101
Eyes—						
Vision	122	394	64	57	531	761
Squint	36	40	3	—	52	65
Other	4	8	2	—	14	22
Ears—						
Hearing	23	91	3	4	38	139
Otitis Media	13	33	1	—	27	50
Other	3	2	—	3	12	14
Nose and Throat	163	262	9	8	255	392
Speech	17	58	2	2	30	80
Lymphatic Glands	2	39	2	1	7	77
Heart	3	29	—	4	7	47
Lungs	15	76	4	7	28	160
Developmental—						
Hernia... ..	11	12	1	1	18	21
Other	11	120	3	4	30	231
Orthopaedic—						
Posture	4	20	4	21	24	113
Feet	14	52	7	7	52	147
Other	26	97	9	9	63	211
Nervous System—						
Epilepsy	3	12	1	2	6	19
Other	1	14	1	2	5	34
Psychological—						
Development	9	38	1	11	55	103
Stability	11	51	1	2	23	113
Abdomen	7	9	3	2	17	21
Other	22	30	7	9	62	73

TABLE 3—*continued.*

B. SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

Defect or Disease.						Special Inspections.	
						Requiring Treatment.	Requiring Observation.
Skin	...	...	...	...	...	43	52
Eyes—							
Vision	...	...	...	...	...	378	439
Squint	...	...	...	...	...	17	32
Other	...	...	...	...	...	36	12
Ears—							
Hearing	...	...	...	...	...	107	53
Otitis Media	...	...	...	...	...	19	21
Other	...	...	...	...	...	17	5
Nose and Throat	...	...	...	...	...	129	206
Speech	...	...	...	...	...	133	67
Lymphatic Glands	...	...	...	...	...	6	51
Heart	...	...	...	...	...	10	62
Lungs	...	...	...	...	...	38	123
Developmental—							
Hernia	...	...	...	...	...	12	17
Other	...	...	...	...	...	21	132
Orthopaedic—							
Posture	...	...	...	...	...	34	84
Feet	...	...	...	...	...	26	99
Other	...	...	...	...	...	41	159
Nervous System—							
Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	...	12	20
Other	...	...	...	...	...	3	17
Psychological—							
Development	...	...	...	...	...	58	262
Stability	...	...	...	...	...	26	87
Abdomen	...	...	...	...	...	18	13
Other	...	...	...	...	...	98	68

TABLE 4.

TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS).

GROUP 1.—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION, AND SQUINT.

Disease.	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with.	
	By the Authority.	Otherwise.
External and Other (excluding errors of refraction and squint)	166	1
Errors of Refraction (including squint)	3,433	7
Total	3,599	8
Number of Pupils for whom Spectacles were prescribed ...	1,163	—

GROUP 2.—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT.

Disease or Defect.	Number of Cases known to have been treated.	
	By the Authority.	Otherwise.
Received Operative Treatment for:—		
(a) Diseases of the Ear	—	} Unknown
(b) Adenoids and Chronic Tonsillitis	—	
(c) Other Nose and Throat Conditions	—	
Received other forms of Treatment	59	—
Total	59	—
Total number of Pupils in Schools who are known to have been provided with Hearing Aids—		
(a) In 1956... ..	3	5
(b) In previous years	7	30

GROUP 3.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

	By the Authority.	Otherwise.
Number of Pupils known to have been treated at Clinics or Out-Patient Departments	240	—

TABLE 4—*continued.*

GROUP 4.—DISEASES OF THE SKIN (EXCLUDING UNCLEANLINESS).

Disease.	Number of cases treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority.
Ringworm—	
Scalp	1
Body	11
Scabies	5
Impetigo	95
Other Skin Diseases	44
Total	156

GROUP 5.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT.

Number of Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics under arrangements made by the Authority	408
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GROUP 6.—SPEECH THERAPY.

Number of pupils treated by Speech Therapists under arrangements made by the Authority	294
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GROUP 7.—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN.

(a) Number of cases of Miscellaneous Minor Ailments treated by the Authority	2,507
(b) Pupils who received Convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	4
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. Vaccination	2,111
(d) Other than above	—
Total	4,622

TABLE 5.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT BY THE
AUTHORITY.

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TABLE 5—continued.

11.	Orthodontics:—							
	(a)	Cases commenced during the year	15
	(b)	Cases carried forward from previous year	15
	(c)	Cases completed during the year	...	...	...	...	...	18
	(d)	Cases discontinued during the year	...	...	...	...	...	—
	(e)	Pupils treated with appliances	...	...	...	...	...	13
	(f)	Removable appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	...	13
	(g)	Fixed appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	...	—
	(h)	Total attendances	...	...	...	...	...	195
12.	Number of pupils supplied with Artificial Dentures		...	...	...	...	...	31
13.	Other Operations:—							
	(a)	Permenant Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	900
	(b)	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	1,373
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	2,273

TABLE 6.

NURSERY SCHOOLS.

A. INSPECTIONS BY THE SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICERS.

(i) Number examined :—

Routines	...	...	...	...	...	...	363
Specials	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	412

(ii) Classification of the Physical Condition of the Pupils in the Routine Group:—

Total Number of Children examined.	Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
363	353	97·2	10	2·8

TABLE 6—*continued.*

(iii) RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION AT THE NURSERY SCHOOLS.

Defect or Disease	Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
	Number of Defects.			
	Requiring treatment.	Requiring observation.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring observation.
Skin	2	1	—	1
Eyes—				
Vision	4	8	—	—
Squint	3	2	1	—
Other	—	—	—	—
Ears—				
Hearing	4	10	—	1
Otitis Media	3	3	1	2
Other	1	—	—	—
Nose and Throat ...	14	17	4	8
Speech... ..	—	6	2	3
Lymphatic Glands ...	1	4	—	2
Heart	3	2	—	2
Lungs	1	4	—	—
Developmental—				
Hernia	—	2	—	1
Other	2	1	1	—
Orthopaedic—				
Posture	—	1	—	—
Feet	2	8	—	1
Other	2	8	1	2
Nervous System—				
Epilepsy	1	—	1	—
Other	1	1	—	—
Psychological—				
Development	1	3	—	1
Stability	—	2	—	—
Abdomen	—	—	—	—
Other	15	3	—	1

TABLE 7.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.

Condition.	Pupils in Schools on 1st January, 1956.	Admitted during 1956.	Total Pupils in Schools during 1956.	Discharged during 1956.	Pupils still in on 31st December, 1956.
Blind	16	2	18	3	15
Partially Sighted	9	6	15	—	15
Deaf and Dumb	40	3	43	8	35
Partially Deaf ...	9	1	10	1	9
Educationally Sub-normal ...	146	53	199	32	167
Epileptic... ..	4	—	4	1	3
Heart	—	—	—	—	—
Maladjusted ...	27	11	38	11	27
Physically Handicapped	20	5	25	7	18
Spastic Paralysis	1	—	1	—	1
Speech	2	—	2	1	1
Miscellaneous ...	16	26	42	22	20
TOTALS ...	290	107	397	86	311

TABLE 8.

CHILD GUIDANCE.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT AT THE BERKSHIRE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINICS
DURING 1956, ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE MAINTAINED SCHOOLS IN BERKSHIRE

Number under treatment on 1st January, 1956 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Number under supervision on 1st January, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	289
Number awaiting treatment on 1st January, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Number awaiting diagnostic interview on 1st January, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Number of cases re-opened during 1956 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Number of new cases referred during 1956	193
Total	637

Number of cases treated and closed:—

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Closed after advice and supervision	113
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Seen for consultation only... .. 99

Number not seen for various reasons	24
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Number of cases outstanding on 31st December, 1956:—

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Number of interviews and visits:—

Psychiatrists—

[illegible]

Educational Psychologist—

[illegible]

Psychiatric Social Workers—

[illegible]

TABLE 9.

CLINICS.

DENTAL.

Fixed Clinics.

Didcot :	The Courthouse ...	...	6 Sessions weekly.
Faringdon :	The Cottage Hospital ...	...	2 ditto
Maidenhead :	The Wilderness ...	...	8-10 ditto
Newbury :	Greenham House ...	...	8-10 ditto
Reading :	11, Abbots Walk ...	...	6-8 ditto
Windsor :	Kipling Memorial Building ...	...	5 ditto

Clinics held in Schools and Village Halls. (Arranged as required.)

Aldermaston.	Crowthorne.	Sunninghill.
Appleford.	Donnington Lodge.	Sutton Courtenay.
Arborfield	Holyport Manor.	Thatcham.
Aston Tirrold.	Hurst.	Theale.
Beech Hill.	Milton.	Twyford.
Beenham.	Pangbourne.	Upper Basildon.
Binfield.	Sandhurst	Waltham St. Lawrence.
Blewbury.	Shinfield.	Wargrave.
Bracknell.	South Moreton.	Wokingham.
Bradfield.	Spencers Wood	Wokingham, St. Sebastian.
Cholsey	Streatley.	Woolhampton.
Cold Ash	Sulhamstead.	

Two Mobile Dental Units are also used.

MINOR AILMENTS.

Didcot :	The Courthouse ...	...	2 hours (Monday).
Maidenhead :	(i) The Wilderness ...	...	1 hour daily (Mon. to Fri.)
	(ii) Boyn Hill School ...	...	ditto
	(iii) Ellington School ...	...	ditto
	(iv) Courthouse and Alwyn Schools		ditto
Windsor :	Kipling Memorial Building ...	...	1 hour (Mon. Wed. & Fri.)

OPHTHALMIC.

Abingdon :	Marcham Road Hospital ...	...	2 Sessions per month.
Botley :	Oxford Eye Hospital ...	...	1 Session bi-monthly.
Didcot :	Cottage Hospital ...	...	1 Session monthly.
Faringdon :	Cottage Hospital ...	...	2 Sessions monthly.
Maidenhead :	The Wilderness ...	...	1 Session weekly.
Newbury :	Greenham House ...	...	1 ditto
Wallingford :	The Hospital ...	...	1 Session monthly.
Wantage :	The Hospital ...	...	1 ditto
Windsor :	King Edward VII Hospital ...	...	1 Session weekly.
Bracknell :	Church Hall ...	...	} 1 Session per week at one of these clinics.
Crowthorne :	British Legion Club ...	...
Reading :	Royal Berks Hospital ...	...
Wokingham :	Methodist Hall	

ORTHOPTIC.

Newbury :	Greenham House	4 Sessions per week.
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SPEECH.

Bracknell :	Victoria Hall	2 Sessions per week.
Didcot :	St. Birinus' School	2 ditto
Maidenhead :	The Wilderness ...	...	3 ditto
Newbury :	Greenham House ...	...	4 ditto
Reading :	11, Abbots Walk ...	...	3 ditto
Wantage :	County School ...	...	2 ditto
Wokingham	Markham House ...	...	2 ditto
Holyport Manor Special School	1 Session per week.
Spastic Class at Markham House, Wokingham	1 ditto

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